

MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, December 12, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Slinde-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Haggerty, Lund, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Doherty, Mijac and Tocco.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Slinde called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #9 and four additional travel requests). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Torrice, to approve the September 26, 2007 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carl D'Andrea, Vice-President, Public Funds Group, Fifth Third Bank
18800 Hall Road, Clinton Township

Dave Girodat, President and CEO, Fifth Third Bank
15410 Meadows Drive, Fraser

Mr. D'Andrea and Mr. Girodat spoke about the services that Fifth Third Bank provides and their commitment to the community.

LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,522,254.51, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED** (WITH TORRICE ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR TORRICE AND ZALEWSKI, PLLC/CIRCUIT COURT FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).

HMO RENEWALS FOR PLAN YEAR 1-1-08 THRU 12-31-08

MOTION

A motion was made by J. Flynn, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the negotiated Renewal Summary for Blue Care Network HMO and Health Alliance Plan HMO health insurance for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. **The Motion Carried.**

APPOINTMENTS OF LAW FIRMS

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by J. Flynn, to appoint the following law firms:

Hardy, Lewis & Page, P.C. to recover health care benefits inappropriately paid on behalf of a former county employee as outlined in correspondence addressed to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners dated November 2, 2007;

Johnson Rosati & LaBarge, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the case of Jibril Ibrahim vs. County of Macomb, et al;

Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook to represent Macomb County in the case of Sona Construction Group, Inc. vs. Macomb County Board of Commissioners, et al;

PlunkettCooney, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the case of Kenneth Alexander vs. Macomb County, et al and

PlunkettCooney, P.C. to represent Macomb County in the case of Paulette Bertolini vs. County of Macomb, et al.

The Motion Carried.

**ACCEPT DONATION OF BURIAL PLOTS AT CADILLAC MEMORIAL GARDENS
FOR VETERANS (waived by Community Services Committee Chair)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE DONATION OF FOUR BURIAL PLOTS AT CADILLAC MEMORIAL GARDENS FROM DOLORES STEPANIAK AND JOLIE ROSS TO BE USED FOR THE BURIAL OF VETERANS AS DETERMINED BY THE VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

TRAVEL REQUESTS

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Haggerty, to approve the travel requests as submitted. **The Motion Carried.**

REVIEW OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Committee was provided a list of position classifications and a line item budget for the Finance Department.

Mr. Diegel provided an overview of potential savings and indicated that any further cuts in his department will require a layoff.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the health care audit and savings that will occur from that and Mr. Diegel said he would be happy to move forward on that issue. Commissioner Bruley said he would support a health care audit, but on a bid basis. Mr. Diegel said he will bring that forward in January.

REVIEW OF PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Committee was provided a list of position classifications and a line item budget for the Purchasing Department.

Polly Helzer, Purchasing Manager, Tim Corcoran, Assistant Purchasing Manager, and Paul Vercryse from Central Receiving, were present and provided an overview of savings that they have already incurred and items that they are exploring to save money.

Commissioner Vosburg spoke about the savings generated by departments using the print shop, but noted that the building costs are not included and need to be considered.

Commissioner Duzyj asked that they research savings on the electric side.

Commissioner Bruley spoke about a purchasing co-op with communities in Macomb County who do not have experience or personnel to do their own. Mr. Vercrysse stated that all communities are invited to purchase off the items they carry at Central Receiving. He said they will send out another letter to remind them of that option.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Duzyj, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**